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Remarks

Claims 49-51 are pending in the application. Claims 52-56 are new. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the Specification, and in particular, on page 4, lines 20-30; page 5, lines 12-22; and page 10, lines 16-20.

Objections

The Examiner objected to priority reference in the Specification and the wording in the Abstract. Applicants have proposed changes to the Specification and Abstract, and submit that the objections are overcome.

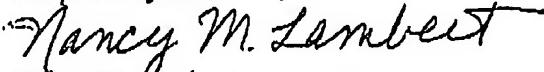
Rejection of Claims 1-48

Claims 1-48 were rejected under 35 USC 101 (double patenting), 35 USC 112, 35 USC 102(b), and 35 USC 103(a). The Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application filed with the Specification on December 5, 2003 included a designation to cancel claims 1-48. To clarify, Applicants have submitted amended claims with claims 1-48 cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the various rejections to claims 1-48 are moot.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 49-51 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection upon an indication that claims 49-56 are allowable.

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